

**Commission to Evaluate the Effectiveness and Future of the Premium
Assistance Program**

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Meeting Minutes

June 17th 2017

Meeting called to order at 1:00pm

Members Present: Sen. Jeb Bradley, Sen Dan Feltes, Richard Cornell, Travis Harker, Peter Burwen, Alex Feldvebel, Jeffery Meyers, Lisa Guertin and Mike Rose.

Sen. Jeb Bradley:

- Opened the meeting and asked the commission refocus its efforts to adapt to any changes that may or may not happen within the federal government.
- Need to continue to look at the PAP from the 100,000 foot level until there is some clear guidance from the feds on what is happening with funding in the future.
- Would like to take a few moments to discuss pending legislation in congress and would defer to Commissioner Meyers (DHHS) and Deputy Commissioner Feldvebel (NHID).

Deputy Commissioner Alex Feldvebel – NH Insurance Department

- Multiple insurance reforms contained in the AHCA
- It would eliminate the individual mandate and the employer mandate but it would keep the must issue mandate.
- There would be a change in the structure of the subsidies after 2020 using a different calculation.
- This legislation would establish a market stabilization fund for the individual market.
 - \$15 billion appropriation per year (2018-2021) to create a reinsurance program in the individual market.

- For 2022 and beyond there would need to be a state match but there would be long term funding available for programs like reinsurance.
- To incentivize people to keep insurance there would be a policy stating that if you have a gap in coverage longer than 60 days there would be a 6 month period before new coverage would be effective.

Commissioner Jeffery Meyers – DHHS

- This legislation would be a large overhaul of the entitlement program.
- Big changes to Medicaid.
- Bill would require a Director of State Medicaid Directors.
- Changes to the waiver programs.
 - Some waivers would be grandfathered, some would be expanded
- Expanding SUD treatment and Behavioral Health coverage to ages 21-64.
- The legislation is subject to change but the department will provide a fiscal impact once it is available.

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- Would like to highlight some big issues for discussion going forward.
 - Should we continue with the PAP or move towards a more Managed Care Model
 - Should we have separate risk pools for the PAP population?
 - Insurance Department will come back to the commission with updated claims data.
 - Need to look at the medically frail population
 - Need to look at the enrollment of SNAP and TANF programs.
 - Need to look at alternative funding mechanisms.